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Dear Lyle D. Jaffe:

I am writing this letter to let you know that I support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP).

Research shows that forced molting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs. The stressful conditions weaken the birds' immune systems so badly that they become prone to disease, bone breakage and salmonella infections. The result is sick birds and contaminated eggs.

Forced molting is so cruel that, in 1987, it was banned in Great Britain, I think the U.S. should follow their compassionate example.

Thank you, for taking the time to read my letter.

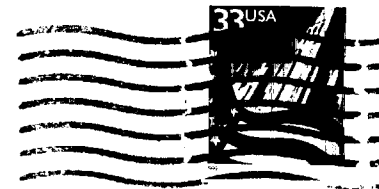
Respectfully,

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